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[redacted] the Brigade [redacted] was located at Laculeti, a village near Bucharest. In the beginning of 1951, however, it was moved to a place called Ghencea on the outskirts of Bucharest.

The Brigade consists of six battalions and one tank repair workshop. Each battalion comprises about 70 soldiers, one officer and one senior non-commissioned officer. A colonel [redacted] is in charge of the Brigade. Besides the colonel there is a captain [redacted] At first he was stated to be commander of a battalion, but later it turned out that there exists only one captain for the whole Brigade and it may be assumed that he is the second in command of the Brigade.

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At the first stage all soldiers take infantry training which lasts eight months. Each battalion is trained separately by its officer and his assistant.

After the conclusion of infantry training a soldier starts working in the workshop. Actually he works there two days a week. For the rest of the week he does guard and fatigue duties.

At the workshop a soldier is instructed how to clean and to paint a tank, to remove the caterpillars of a tank and to replace a broken

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link in them.

c. Tank instruction

All instruction is theoretical. The tank is never moved and the guns are never fired.

Soldiers pass all duties of the tank crew (i.e. gunner, machine gunner and W.T. operator) before they are specialized in one of them.

4. Tanks

[redacted] there was but one tank. This was used for training purposes for the whole Brigade. The tank was of the following type.

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Name - tank T-34

Gun - 34 millimeters

Make - Russian

Armor - four centimeters

Engine - V-shaped Diesel engine

Machine Guns - two German made machine guns (soldiers learn how to dismount them in case the tank is immobilized).

Crew - six men (one driver-commander, two gunners, two machine gunners, one W.T. operator).

[redacted] during an emergency one battalion will have six tanks - one squadron, of which a captain will be in command.

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5. Political instruction

One hour daily is dedicated to political education. This consists of the reading of pamphlets and newspaper articles. Soldiers are not very interested and few of them are Communists.

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